THE MINISTER OF STEEL, MINES AND COAL (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As a result of detailed exploration for bauxite carried out in Visakhapatnam District of Andhra Pradesh jointly by Geological Survey of India and Mineral Exploration Corporation Limited, total reserves of 597.65 million tonnes of bauxite of metallurgical grade have been estimated so far. Mapping work is still continuing. The expectation is that more sizeable reserves of bauxite will be located in this area.

Supreme Court judgement on evasion of taxes

2395. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of a recent judgement of the Supreme Court indicating those who avoid tax;

(b) whether Government intend to bring forward any legislation to make tax 'avoidance' a prima facie offence as distinct from laws to prevent tax 'evasion'; and

(c) if so, by when a decision is likely to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The matter is under examination. No decision has yet been taken. Considering the wide implications of the matter it is difficult to indicate the time frame at this stage.

Establishment of National Aluminium Company project in Damonjodi

2396. SHRI GAYA CHAND BHUYAN: Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND COAL be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of persons who have been displaced due to the establishment of NALCO project in Damonjodi and how many out of them have been employed in the NALCO project; and

(b) what is the number of persons from Scheduled Castes|Scheduled Tribes out of the total number of persons employed in these above project;

THE MINISTER OF STEEL, MINES AND COAL (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) In Damonjodi Sector of Nalco Project, 581 families have been identified who will be displaced. 211 families have been displaced so far, 96 have been given direct employment and 44 are under training in the Project.

(b) Out of a total number of 446 executives and non-executives, 137 are Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes. Similarly, out of a total number of 90 trainees, 42 are Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes.

Representation regarding transfer of employees of the Directorate of Anti-Evasion outside Delhi

2397. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had received any representation from the working wives of the employees in the Directorate of Anti Evasion who have been posted outside Delhi; and

(b) if so, what action Government have taken thereon so as to post them back to Delhi in the light of the Circular No. 3-265/75-WW dated the 28th February, 1976 issued by the Department of Social Welfare in this regard.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Yes, Sir representations have been received from the working wives of two Intelligence Officers of the Directorate of Anti Evasion, who have been posted outside Delhi.

(a) Intelligence Officers in the Directorate of Anti Evasion are liable to be

posted to any of the field formations especially for giving them varied experience and to meet operational requirements of highly sensitive nature and other administrative exigencies. Reposting of these officers will be considered at an appropriate time subject to availability of vacancies and administrative expediency.

Representation from the Marathawada Pensioners' Association

2398. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to to state:

(a) whether the Marathawada Pensioners' Association, Aurangabad has represented to the Central Government to set up office of the Accountant General, Maharashtra III, Marathawada Region, Aurangabad; and

(b) if so, what action Government have taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The office of Accountant General (Accounts & Entitlement) II, Maharashtra Nagpur which has been set up in October, 1984 is taking care of the problem of pensioners of Marathawada Region. It has, therefore, not been found necessary to set up a new office of Accountant General at Aurangabad.

Income-tax raids in Greater Bombay

2399. SHRI JAGESH DESAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of raids conducted by the Income Tax Department at the premises of businessmen, industrial houses and builders in Greater Bombay during the financial year ending 31st March, 1985 and from 1st April to 30th June, 1985;

(b) what is the outcome of these raids; and

(c) what is the number of prosecutions launched for tax evasion as a result of these raids?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Request from Maharashtra Government to grant loan to cultivators at reduced rate

2400. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT:
SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Maharashtra Government have sought the permission of the Central Government to make available Short-term, medium-term and long-term loans to small cultivators at the reduced rate of 6 per cent; and

(b) if so, by when the decision is likely to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) The Government of Maharashtra had submitted a Scheme for providing loans to small farmers at a subsidised rate of six per cent.

(b) The decision has been taken and the Government has not concurred with the proposed Scheme.

Increase in investment in shares of companies

2401. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:
SHRI INDRADEEP SINHA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that investment in shares of compaines has increased;